

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** The Education Professional Standards Board

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EPSB Staff

**FROM:** Phillip S. Rogers, Executive Director

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**SUBJECT:** January 2008 EPSB Update

### **Mission Statement**

*The Education Professional Standards Board promotes high levels of student achievement by establishing and enforcing rigorous professional standards for preparation, certification, and responsible and ethical behavior of all professional educators in Kentucky.*

### **Update on KTIP Funding**

As of this morning (January 4) we have not heard about our request for additional current year funds for KTIP. As you know KTIP is seriously underfunded and has been for three years. We have avoided reducing the stipends paid to resource teachers by using agency operating funds and funds from other programs—a practice that is not sustainable.

I have met twice with Secretary Mountjoy and have found her to be very supportive and understanding about the important part KTIP plays in the preparation of Kentucky teachers. Gary Freeland is in daily conversations with both GOPM and the Cabinet Budget Director, Charlie Harmon. The Leadership Team and I are looking at additional cost cutting measures beyond the ones implemented at the beginning of this fiscal year. By the time of our January meeting we will have more news to share with you.

The good news is that we have many partners who have made full funding for KTIP a legislative priority. I have commitments to support our KTIP funding requests from KEA, KSBA, and KASS.

### **Education Week: 2008 Quality Counts**

The annual Ed Week Quality Counts Survey is available online at [www.edweek.org/go/qc08/shr](http://www.edweek.org/go/qc08/shr). Kentucky continues to be ranked in the top ten states for our preparation and support of teachers. While the overall report is embargoed until Wednesday, January 9, the above website will provide you Kentucky's report card.

### **New EPSB Members Appointed**

I am pleased to announce that Tom Stull has been reappointed to the EPSB and that we have two new EPSB members. Mary Hammons, a teacher in Knox County, and Bobbie Stoess, a teacher in Oldham County, were both appointed by Governor Fletcher on December 7 to replace Lydia Coffey and Kristen Gregory, respectively.

## **Master's Degree Redesign: Update on Amended Regulations**

On December 10, 2007, the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee reviewed the [Master's Program Redesign](#) regulation approved by the Board at the September meeting. The regulations are currently published in the January 2008 Administrative Register of Kentucky with the suggested amendments made by the Legislative Research Commission. The suggested amendments consisted of minor grammatical changes and numerical changes. We are awaiting determination from the Education Committees on whether they wish to review the regulations. Currently, we anticipate the regulations becoming effective some time in February.

## **Conference for Teachers of English as a Second language**

The EPSB was represented at the Southeast Conference for Teachers of English as a Second Language, which was held at Louisville's Galt House on November 29 and 30. Mike Carr served on a panel discussion surveying the current opportunities for ESL certification in the state. The conversation also touched on the board's recent master's degree redesign efforts and the opportunities the redesign may present for institutions to support literacy instruction for state teachers. Those in attendance also believed that this redesign effort may provide a good opportunity to address the board at some future meeting regarding the need for more ESL programs and/or certification options and to offer ideas on how the new master's may aid in this effort.

## **FYI: Kentucky Learning Depot**

The Kentucky Learning Depot Initiative is a collaborative program that allows educators to share rich, engaging, quality, and standards-based digital content to improve their courses. The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) is leading this effort via the Sharable Content Object Repositories for Education (SCORE) so that all teachers and faculty in the 16 member states can share learning objects.

- SREB-SCORE Initiative - <http://www.sreb.org/programs/EdTech/SCORE/index.asp>

### **Examples of Learning Objects:**

1. Virtual chemical lab - <http://chemcollective.org/vlab/vlab.php>
2. Climates – [http://www.hachette-multimedia.com/objets\\_apprentissage/data/EN\\_HM\\_MLO\\_CLIMATES/global.swf](http://www.hachette-multimedia.com/objets_apprentissage/data/EN_HM_MLO_CLIMATES/global.swf)

### **Examples of Repositories:**

1. Florida - <http://www.theorangegrove.org/> - Click on "Enter the Orange Grove" and use Guest login.
2. Wisconsin Online Resource Center: <http://www.wisc-online.com/>

## **NBPTS Hill Day**

As in the past, this year the EPSB will coordinate a special day of recognition to honor teachers who have received National Board certification. I will keep you posted as the details unfold.

## **EPSB Members and Legislators**

We have received the 2008 legislative calendar which confirms that the House and Senate education committees will meet, respectively, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As always, I would be pleased to have you join me for an Education Committee meeting. As a member of the EPSB, if you would like to meet with your legislators during the upcoming session, Marcie Lowe will be happy to coordinate an appointment. Additionally, Marcie can arrange for gallery passes for you and your guests and map out a busy day around the halls of the capitol. You can contact Marcie at [Marcie.lowe@ky.gov](mailto:Marcie.lowe@ky.gov).

### **EPSB Legislative Tracking Sheet**

As in the past we will be providing you a weekly update of legislation that relates to the EPSB's goals. Marcie Lowe will update the tracking sheet each Sunday afternoon and send you an email with a link that will take you to the legislative tracking sheet. For those of you who want to go ahead and put the link in your "Favorites" file: [www.kyepsb.net/doc/EPSB%20Tracking.pdf](http://www.kyepsb.net/doc/EPSB%20Tracking.pdf).

Also, here is the link to the Legislative Resource Commission where you may find additional information regarding the 2008 legislative session: [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

### **Kentucky Leadership Academy's Alumni Group**

Mike Carr spoke to both cadres of the Kentucky Leadership Academy's Alumni Group on November 29 and December 4. The group had requested information on the Option 6 alternative route programs for their use in working within their school districts. In addition, Mike spoke to the groups about all other alternative certification routes and took questions regarding all areas of certification. The KLA Alumni group is an ongoing professional development opportunity sponsored by the Kentucky Association of School Administrators for school leaders who have completed the KLA initial program earlier in their careers. All of the group members are practicing school administrators.

### **New Teacher Survey**

In November, the 2007-2008 New Teacher Survey notifications were sent via e-mail to student teachers who will be graduating in December 2007 and their cooperating teachers, as well as to interns who will be completing internships in December 2007 and their resource teachers.

Although this is the first time notifications have been sent electronically, the response rate is consistent with previous semesters at 54% thus far. Though the QPI was waived as of June 2007, colleges/universities continue to encourage teachers to complete the survey. The consistent response rate is evidence that the survey is a useful tool for teacher preparation programs across Kentucky.

### **Retirement**

It is with great ambivalence we say goodbye to Terry Hibpshman (just when I have finally learned how to spell his last name). Although we are glad that he can now pursue his many interests, we will miss his interesting conversation and his expertise in educational research and data management. On December 31 Terry retired with over 30 years of service to state government, the past seven with the EPSB. At the retirement reception for Terry, I related my appreciation for his service and especially for his

genuine passion for education. We will not make the mistake of trying to replace Terry, but we do hope to find someone who brings the value to his position that Terry brought.

### **EPSB Employees Generosity**

Once more a season of generosity has happened at the EPSB. The staff at EPSB hosted a toy drive for local children this Christmas season. The toys were delivered to the fire department for distribution in Franklin County. Quite a large number of toys and books were collected this year. Additionally, the staff hosted a canned food drive to help the local food pantry as the supplies have grown quite low of late. We were able to deliver a trunk full of nonperishable items which will also be distributed to add some holiday joy to those in need.

### **Meetings, Conferences, Etc.**

January 1 – EPSB Office Closed  
January 7 – Leadership meeting  
January 8 – 2008 Legislative Session begins  
January 9 – GRREC meeting  
January 10 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
January 10 – EPSB agency-wide staff meeting  
January 11 – Math Achievement Committee meeting (KDE)  
January 13 – EPSB Sunday Evening Workshop  
January 14 – EPSB Regular meeting  
January 14 – Education Assessment and Accountability Subcommittee (EAARS) meeting  
January 15—House Education Committee Meeting  
January 15 – K-ITEP meeting  
January 16 – KEDC meeting  
January 17 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
January 17 – leadership meeting  
January 22 – House Education Committee meeting  
January 24 – Senate Education Committee meeting  
January 29 -- OVEC meeting  
January 31 – Leadership meeting  
January 31—Senate Education Committee meeting

### **FYI: Acronyms and abbreviations:**

*CEO – Continuing Education Option*  
*CPE – Council on Post-Secondary Education*  
*ELDC – Education Leadership Development Collaborative*  
*IECE – Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education*  
*IPR – Intern Performance Record*  
*KACI – Kentucky Advisory Council on Internships*  
*KACTE – Kentucky Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators*  
*KASA – Kentucky Association of School Administrators*  
*KBE – Kentucky Board of Education*  
*KECC – Kentucky Employee Charitable Campaign*  
*KEDC – Kentucky Education Development Cooperative*

*KPIP – Kentucky Principal Internship Program*  
*KTIP – Kentucky Teacher Internship Program*  
*LEAD – Local Educator Assignment Data*  
*NASDTEC – National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification*  
*NBPTS – National Board for Professional Teaching Standards*  
*NCTAF – National Commission on Teaching and America's Future*  
*OVEC – Ohio Valley Education Cooperative*  
*SAELP – State Action for Education Leadership Project*  
*SESC – Southeast South Central Education Cooperative*  
*TPA – Teacher Performance Assessments*  
*VAA – Value-Added Assessment*  
*WKEC – Western Kentucky Educational Cooperative*

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